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Note to Reader September 9, 1998

Background: As part of its effort to involve the public in the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA), which is designed to ensure that the United States continues to have the safest and most abundant food supply, EPA is undertaking an effort to open public dockets on the organophosphate pesticides. These dockets will make available to all interested parties documents that were developed as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's process for making reregistration eligibility decisions and tolerance reassessments consistent with FQPA. The dockets include preliminary health assessments and, where available, ecological risk assessments conducted by EPA, rebuttals or corrections to the risk assessments submitted by chemical registrants, and the Agency's response to the registrants' submissions.

The analyses contained in this docket are preliminary in nature and represent the information available to EPA at the time they were prepared. Additional information may have been submitted to EPA which has not yet been incorporated into these analyses, and registrants or others may be developing relevant information. It's common and appropriate that new information and analyses will be used to revise and refine the evaluations contained in these dockets to make them more comprehensive and realistic. The Agency cautions against premature conclusions based on these preliminary assessments and against any use of information contained in these documents out of their full context. Throughout this process, if unacceptable risks are identified, EPA will act to reduce or eliminate the risks.

There is a 60 day comment period in which the public and all interested parties are invited to submit comments on the information in this docket. Comments should directly relate to this organophosphate and to the information and issues

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available in the information in this docket. Once the comment period closes, EPA will review all comments and revise the risk assessments, as necessary.

These preliminary risk assessments represent an early stage in the process by which EPA is evaluating the regulatory requirements applicable to existing pesticides. Through this opportunity for notice and comment, the Agency hopes to advance the openness and scientific soundness underpinning its decisions. This process is designed to assure that America continues to enjoy the safest and most abundant food supply. Through implementation of EPA's tolerance reassessment program under the Food Quality Protection Act, the food supply will become even safer. Leading health experts recommend that all people eat a wide variety of foods, including at least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

Note: This sheet is provided to help the reader understand how refined and developed the pesticide file is as of the date prepared, what if any changes have occurred recently, and what new information, if any, is expected to be included in the analysis before decisions are made. It is not meant to be a summary of all current information regarding the chemical. Rather, the sheet provides some context to better understand the substantive material in the docket (RED chapters, registrant rebuttals, Agency responses to rebuttals, etc.) for this pesticide.

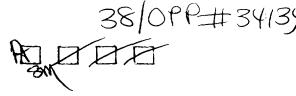
Further, in some cases, differences may be noted between the RED chapters and the Agency's comprehensive reports on the hazard identification information and safety factors for all organophosphates. In these cases, information in the comprehensive reports is the most current and will, barring the submission of more data that the Agency finds useful, be used in the risk assessments.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Addendum to Fenamiphos RED: Tolerance Reassessment Summary;

Chemical No.: 100601; Branch No.: None; DP Barcode No.: None; MRID

No.: None

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It has come to our attention that there is an error in the Tolerance Reassessment Summary of the Residue Chemistry Chapter of the Fenamiphos RED. CBTS has recommended for an increase in the tolerance for peanut hulls to a level of 5.0 ppm (F. Griffith, 1/29/91, DEB Nos. 6964 and 7330). This recommendation should be included in the summary table of the residue chemistry chapter (Table C) and in the section discussing tolerances listed under 40 CFR 180.349.

This modification should not affect the dietary risk assessment. Peanut hulls as an animal feed item were considered when preparing the livestock diets for calculation of animal commodity anticipated residues.

cc: CLOlinger (CBRS), Reg. Std. File, SF, Circu., RF 7509C:CBRS:CLOlinger:clo:CM#2:Rm 816G:305-5406: 11/30/94

